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Boston, Decr. 9. 1862.

Dear friend Webb;

Herewith I enclose a slip for insertion, if you please, in the January Advocate, — for which I hope it will arrive in season. In view of all considerations, our "Ladies" have decided to iſsue it, and to hold another "Subscription Anniversary". They were very united & decided about it. — Mrs. Child was not able to be present, but wrote a friendly note, and no doubt will cheerfully sign the appeal; there has not been time to get her reply; but I feel there is no risk in affixing her name as I have done. We do not wish or mean to allow the Standard to die while Slavery lives, — if it is a poſsible thing to prevent it. And as Slavery is still raging like a wild beast in the land, we propose to not disarm until he is slain. If the Mail steamer does not take over a fortnight in her passage, there will still be about a week prior to the first of January. We shall be sorry to have it fail of getting into that January number.

Your note of Nov. 18th reached me Dec. 5th; - also a great number of little parcels by mail, containing copies of a tract on the War. It was not the pamphlet I asked for & wanted - which was David Lee Child's pamphlet on The Rights & Duties of the U. S. Government in regard to Slavery in time of War. It had his name on the title page, and I sent you a number of copies at his request; but they were not numerous, and I dare say you had distributed them all. We have been able to pick up half a dozen copies of it for him; and I would like to get more, if I could, but the present supply will perhaps suffice. - - The tract you sent was a little compilation made by Garrison, and we had a supply of them. The subjects of the two are the same; but Mr Child's was an argument of his own. I should doubtless have been more particular in describing the pamphlet wanted; but I supposed you would recollect D. L. Child's name, whom I mentioned as author of ~~so connected with~~ the particular one wanted.

The sale of the "John Brown" Life will be slow, but we will do what we can to make a sale of them. If I could even reduce the price a little, I doubt not it would materially aid the sale; & perhaps, even then, I could offset original cost & charges. But I shall not ~~[illegible]~~ sell any under One dollar a copy, without leave from you had & obtained.

I think, with you, that England will find her sympathy for the Rebellion has gone to a bad market, — and that, be the result of our struggle what it may. But never again can England be the Antislavery country in our eyes which she has been.

The President is not, apparently, daunted by the Democratic successes in several leading States. They

are now almost universally understood
not to mean Submission, but Greater Energy
& with that understanding, enormous prepara
have been made & set in motion for breakin
power of the Rebellion. The result cannot lon
delayed, & the final settlement must be near
think.

I am glad you see that there is, in Eng
a "hostility or antipathy to the experiment of
great & powerful republic" & consequently a "pro-southern" feeling";— not glad that
to be seen, but that, existing, you have marke
& analysed its causes so well.

— We have (my family) been spen
the "Thanksgiving" holidays in Boston, visiti
my father's, sister's, & brother's. It is not a
for ordinary hilarities, but we are glad to co
together, & see each other; & to the young chil
it is gay. They perceive not the cloud. — My b
John has his oldest son (20 yrs.) in the army — n
North Carolina. Best regards; tho' in gre
haste, Ever truly Yrs. Saml. May

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